



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Dear Sir or Madame:

RE: Anti-idling Regulation RCSA § 22a-174-18

Reducing emissions from idling motor vehicle engines is one of the most important strategies for improving air-quality in Connecticut today. Because the state is committed to reducing air pollution, protecting our health and improving the environment, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) enforces an anti-idling regulation that prohibits vehicles of any kind from unnecessary idling for more than three minutes. DEP's Air Management enforcement staff ensures compliance by monitoring rest areas, schools, truck stops, and commercial delivery points and also responds to complaints received on our complaint line at (860) 424-3436.

Idling unnecessarily emits air toxics, other chemicals and fine particulate matter (soot) into the air contributing to regional haze, acid rain and global climate change. Idling emits 20 times more pollution than traveling at 30 miles per hour and for every gallon of gasoline burned, idling produces more than 20 pounds of greenhouse gases. Idling is also unhealthy for humans, aggravating asthma, allergies, and cardiovascular disease. Idling is like burning dollar bills. For each hour a typical truck idles, it burns approximately one gallon of diesel fuel. Idling for just ten seconds uses more fuel than turning the engine off and restarting it.

For these reasons the DEP is seeking your cooperation to inform your drivers of this regulation.

For more information see our "Anti-Idling efforts in Connecticut" web page at <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322086#law>, where you can find an electronic version of our ticket brochure and our anti-idling video titled "Waste Busters" to share with your employees.

If you are unable to share our electronic version of the ticket with your employees or if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (860) 424-3683 or lori.jackson@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Jackson".

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